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WASHINGTON, July 29 Richard Heims, director of the Central Intelligence: Agency, assured the Senate Foreign Relations Committee today that the student exchange program had not been used as a cover

had not been used as a cover for C.L.A. agents abroad. Mr. Helms further assured the committee that no agents had been planted in the Peace

Because he volunteered the information and because he reported no infiltration, the committee, particularly Chairman J. W. Fulbright, was apparently disposed in Mr. Helms's favor. Mr. Fulbright praised Mr. Helm's testimony and accepted his apology for a letter that supported an editorial critical of Mr. Fulbright.

The refusal of Mr. Helms's predecessor, Adm. William F. Raborn, to answer Mr. Fulbright's questions about the student exchange program had information and because he re-

dent exchange program had aroused the committee's con-

It had also been a factor in producing the 14-to-5 vote last May 17 by which the panel re ported a resolution to include three of its members on the sub-

Entitled "Brickbats for Ful-Entitled "Brickbats for Ful-bright," the editorial said that the Senate, by killing the pro-posal to expand the watchdog committee, had given the Ar-kansas Democrat "his come-up-pance." The plan of the "crafty Arkansan," the editorial went on, could have meant "the end" of an agency whose "accomof an agency whose plishments are legion."

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Mr. Helms quickly called Mr. Fulbright after Senator Eugene
J. McCarthy, Democrat of Minnesota, had read the editorial
and letter on the Senate floor.
Mr. Helms said he had made a mistake, apologized for the letter and arranged to appear be-fore the committee.

After a two-hour session, Mr. Helms told reporters:
"I realize it was a mistake. I regret it and I have apolo-

Mr. Fulbright said Mr. Helms had been "very forthright" and "I oertainly accepted his apology."

The chairman said Mr. Helmshad told the committee that the letter had been drafted by an assistant and that he had signed it, along with several others submitted to him at the time, without giving it the at-tention he should have.

Apparently, Mr. Fulbright said, Mr. Helms's subordinate had focused his attention on the two final sentences in the edi-torial praising the C.I.A. rather than on the criticism of the hairman.

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Mr. McCarthy, who had sponsored the expansion resolution, said Mr. Helms's explanation

on Exchanges Abroad

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Hear Adm. Redfield Mason walked slowly across the parched grass of the parade ground at the defunct Naval Shipyard in Brooklyn to receive a farewell from his fellow officers and friends.

Officers in full dress (swords, braid, medals and ribbons), a 13-gun salute and 700 guests greeted the most senior rear admiral in the senior rear admirat in the Navy, who was ceremonibusly retired yesterday as comman-dant of the Third Naval Dis-trict. He will be officially retired on Sunday as head of the district, which encomes New York, Connecticut

and northern New Jersey.
Admiral Mason, who has been in the Navy for 45 years, did tours as an intelligence officer with the office of the Chief of Naval Operations and commanded the attack

transport Bergen and the de-stroyer tender Sierra.

He also served with the Armed Forces Security Agen-cy and during the Korean war he commanded Service Divihe commanded Service Divi-sion 31 and Service Squadron 3. For this he received the Legion of Merit. His other awards include the American Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, United Na-tions Service Medal and Ko-rean Service Medal.



in 1956 Admiral Mason correctly named the women of six mythological threesomes and won \$100,000 on the talevision quis show "The Big winion quis show "The Big Surprise." The six groups were the Gorgons, the bird women known as the Harpies, the misshapen Graese, the the misshapen Graeae, the Graces, the guardians of the seasons known as the Horae or Hours, and the avengers of crime called the Furies.

ory. The questioning of Mr. Heims was reported to have been blunt but not aggreeave and the members, so the Democratic leader, Miles Mansfield of Montana, put it, were impressed by the director's "eandor."

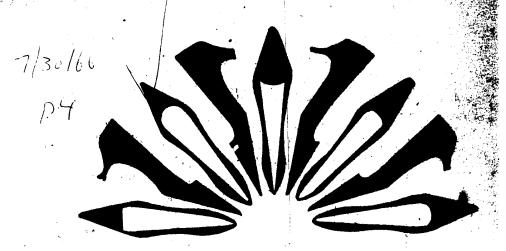
There was no support in the committee for a demand by Senator Wayne Morse, Democrat of Oregon, that Mr. Helms

resign.
Mr. McCarthy said he thought Mr. McCarthy said he thought
the discussion gave some hope
of reaching a compromise
whereby Mr. Helms would give
the Foreign Reistions Committee the kind of reports he gives
the Russell subcommittee.

Mr. Fulbright said he was not
so sure about that.

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